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The present study reports serial echocardiographic measurements for 21-mm and 23-mm Sorin Bicarbon prostheses (Sorin Biomedica, Saluggia, Italy). The effective orifice area values might be useful for AVR in patients with a small aortic annulus to avoid patient-prosthesis mismatch.

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